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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-20, 23 and 24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Golian, John S. on 10/25/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computer system, said computer system having a graphical operating system, for switching between a plurality of open application windows, comprising:

monitoring for switching input indicative of a desire to switch from a current open application window to another of the plurality of open application windows;

upon receipt of the switching input, displaying, over the current open application window, an extracted graphical preview comprising a live running view that reflects real-time changes of actual ~~of the~~ content currently within the another ~~for~~ one of the plurality of open application windows;

monitoring for display input indicative of a desire to make the displayed preview the new current open application window; and

upon receipt of the display input, switching the display from the current open application window to the new current open application window.

7. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computer system, said computer system having a graphical operating system, for switching between a plurality of open windows that are ranked according to an activation hierarchy comprising:

monitoring for a switching activation signal;

upon receipt of the switching activation signal, displaying, over the open windows, an extracted graphical preview comprising a live running view that reflects real-time changes of actual ~~of the~~ content currently within ~~of~~ the next open window in the activation hierarchy;

monitoring for a display command to activate and display the window corresponding to the displayed preview; and

upon receipt of the display command, activating the open window corresponding to the displayed preview.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a computer system, said computer system having a graphical operating system, for switching between a plurality of open application windows, comprising:

monitoring for switching input indicative of a desire to switch from a current open application window to another of the plurality of open application windows;

upon receipt of the switching input, displaying, over the current open application window, an extracted graphical preview comprising a live running view that reflects real-time changes of actual ~~of the~~ content currently within the another ~~for~~ one of the plurality of open application windows, wherein the extracted graphical preview is displayed adjacent a button in a task bar, the button corresponding with the another one of the plurality of open application windows;

monitoring for display input indicative of a desire to make the displayed preview the new current open application window; and

upon receipt of the display input, switching the display from the current open application window to the new current open application window.

24. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-storage media embodying instructions for performing a[[A]] method for use in a computer system, said computer system having a graphical operating system, for switching between a plurality of open application windows, comprising:

monitoring for switching input indicative of a desire to switch from a current open application window to another of the plurality of open application windows;

upon receipt of the switching input, displaying, over the current open application window, an extracted graphical preview comprising a live running view that reflects real-time changes of actual content currently within the another one of the plurality of open application windows;

monitoring for display input indicative of a desire to make the displayed preview the new current open application window; and

upon receipt of the display input, switching the display from the current open application window to the new current open application window.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 8-20, 23 and 24 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art either alone or in combination doesn't show or teach monitoring for switching input indicative of a desire to switch from a current open application window to another of the plurality of open application windows; upon receipt of the switching input, displaying, over the current open application window, an extracted graphical preview comprising a live running view that reflects real-time changes of actual content currently within the another one of the plurality of open application windows in combination with other features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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